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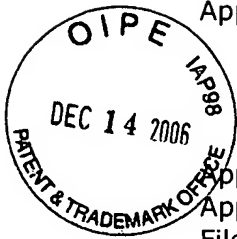
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This is in response to the Election Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated **November 17, 2006**.

The Examiner requires an election of species be elected for prosecution. Applicants elect to prosecute Species I, Figure 2A, of the first group, Species I, Figure 3A, of the second group, Species I, Figure 5, of the third group, and the species with an insert in the fourth group. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4, 15, 16 and 61-63 are generic and that claims 5-8, 10-12, 17 and 21 read on the elected species. This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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